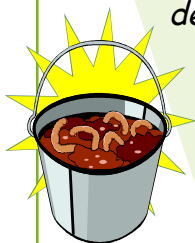




GREEN TEAMS IN ACTION!

Read about classroom "green deeds" all over King County!



What a busy month for Red Wiggler worms!!

- **Kirsi Antunes's** 3rd grade class at **Buena Vista** in Auburn started their own classroom worm bin. They are learning first hand about how worms can recycle their food scraps and keep waste out of the landfill. Way to go, Buena Vista!
- At **Phantom Lake** in Bellevue, **Marsha Williams** and **Ann Graham** also started worm bins with their 1st grade classes. Their students will look for scientific information about worms on the internet and then watch them in action every single day!
- At **Maple Valley Christian**, **Brenda Keller** and **Chris Wuethrich's** 6th graders and **Deb Brumfield's** 4th grade classes all started new worm bins. They plan to harvest the castings and use them to plant seedlings for Mother's Day!

- At **Emerald Park Elementary**, **Mrs. Keyes's** 6th grade class planted tree seedlings in the spring of 2001. Each student took them home and cared for them over the summer. This fall, they brought them back to school and, as an entire class, planted them at a local park. What a great project. Now everyone can watch them grow!



Also, keep a lookout for King County's cable access show, **Salmon TV**. The show highlights **Bill Hayden's** 5th grade class at **Snoqualmie Elementary School**. This class has worked hard to restore a littered wetland behind the school. What an incredible project! Look for information about this show at:
<http://www.salmoninfo.org/SITV>.



STAY IN
TOUCH!

Your **Green Team Accomplishments** can be highlighted in the next Green Gram Newsletter. If you have a Green Team story or project to share, you can reach Sara by phone at (206) 583-0655 or send an email to saragr@triangleassociates.com and let her know what your class is doing.

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This holiday season... THINK WASTE FREE!

Did you know that between Thanksgiving and the New Year Americans generate an extra 1 MILLION TONS OF WASTE EACH WEEK?

HELPFUL TIPS FOR YOUR CLASS:

Below are several actions that your students can take to cut down on holiday waste. They really add up!



Bring your own reusable bag when shopping. You can fit several purchases into the same bag. It's easy!



Choose gifts that make less waste- or none at all! Consider gift certificates, home made goodies, or "activity" gifts such as tickets to a movie, concert or sports event.



Get creative with gift wrapping! The class can decorate grocery bags or old computer paper and use it as wrapping paper. The Sunday comics are also great for wrapping. Read on for step-by-step instructions.



Avoid disposable products. For example, use a real camera instead of a disposable one. This will save money and reduce waste!



Turn out holiday lights when no one is home. That's an easy way to save electricity!

A SIMPLE CLASSROOM ACTIVITY

Create your own holiday gift wrapping

Materials needed:

- lots of paper grocery bags
- news comics or old magazines
- crayons and markers
- scissors and glue



- 1) Cut open the grocery bag along one fold. Cut all along the bottom panel so that the paper will lie flat.
- 2) Turn the paper over so that the printed side is facing down and you are ready to decorate!
- 3) Take out those crayons and markers and be as creative as you like. You can draw freehand, use rubber stamps and potato prints, or even use a cool stencil.
- 4) For an added collage effect, cut out pictures from old magazines and funny newspaper comic strips, and glue them on.
- 5) Feel free to add a ribbon or bow that you have saved up from previous gifts (hint: think *reuse*).

Each student can make several sheets of their own, one-of-a-kind paper and roll them up with a rubber band, like a poster. The best part is that this new wrapping paper can be saved and used again- or recycled!

